MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Am I to understand that the rates have not been fixed?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I think there is no special rate for this gate alone. The usual rates obtaining in all other toll-gates obtain in the gate at Nangiyarkulankara also.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): It is stated that from the beginning of 1108, the fees will be compounded with regard to vehicles within three miles from the gate.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. The compounding rates will be the rates obtaining in the other toll-gates.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) I know that the rates for the Adur toll-gate are different from the rates at Nangiyarkulangara.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I think the compounding rate is the same for all gates.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) Can the member give me the rate, Sir?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I am sorry I am not in a position to give that information now. I do not think there is any special rate for Nangiyarkulangara. Further, from the beginning of 1108, the rates of toll and the compounding fees are going to be the same for all the toll gates in the State.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In making the rates uniform, have the lowest rates been adopted, or has the rate been increased in some places?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That has to be gathered from the notification in the last Gazette about the auction of toll-gates.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is the member is not sure about that?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No, I am not.

Ferry at Perumpallittura.

189. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With reference to the answer to my question No. 55, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 23rd January 1930, will Government be pleased to state the conclusion arrived at with regard to the introduction of a Government ferry boat at Perumpallittura in the Kayankulam backwater?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The question has been dropped for the present.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): It was stated in answer to my former question referred to here that the Chief Engineer recommended the introduction of the ferry and that it had been referred to the Land Revenue Commissioner. May I know whether the Land Revenue Commissioner reported that the ferry is necessary?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Land Revenue Commissioner stated that it was necessary.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikappalli*): May I know why, when both the Chief Engineer and the Land Revenue Commissioner had recommended the introduction of the ferry, the Government did not carry it out?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Government ordered that the question may be dropped; and the reason for it, as I gather from the papers, is that the people were not willing to contribute towards the cost of maintenance of the ferry.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are the people usually called upon to contribute in such cases?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In all cases?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): In most cases.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Does the member know the class of the people to be benefited by the ferry; is it the rich or the poor?

MR A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The people who want the ferry should pay at least for the maintenance of the ferry.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Was it not reported by the Land Revenue Commissioner that it is the poor fisherfolk that are going to use the ferry?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the reason, which weighed with the Government in ordering the proposal to be dropped, was that the people refused to contribute towards the cost of maintenance, and whether the Government considered the fact that it was intended for the benefit of the poor people?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Government have no objection to reconsider the question if the people would express it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Do Government want a fresh representation for that?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Statement, by caste, of the officers drawing over Rs. 15 in the Sanitary Department.

10. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the officers drawing a salary of over Rs. 15 in the Sanitary Department?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A statement* furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Statement, by caste, of the officers of the Co-operative Department.

11. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by

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